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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of April 1, 2004, reconsideration of the action and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested and are believed to be appropriate in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.